

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please AMEND the abstract in accordance with the following. No new matter is added.

- - A method of carrying an application level message encapsulated inside a signaling message of an access network is described, ~~said~~ The method comprising the steps of: includes receiving (1) an application level message from a sender application process to an access network signaling process; adapting (3) ~~said~~ the application level message and encapsulating ~~it~~ the application level message in a signaling message of an access network; and delivering (1, 3, 4) ~~said~~ the encapsulated application level message to a receiver application process by transmitting ~~said~~ the signaling message, ~~wherein said~~ The encapsulated application level message is transparent to ~~the means~~ devices of ~~said~~ the access network transmitting ~~said~~ the signaling message. - -